

**PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER**

**1. REASON FOR ISSUE:** To amend National Cemetery System (NCS) policy, contained in NCS Manual M40-3, Chapter 2, dated December 1, 1982. The legal authority for this directive is stated in title 38, United States Code, Section 2306(a)(2).

**2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS/MAJOR CHANGES:** This directive sets forth the policy that if a veteran or other eligible person is buried in accordance with State or local law, the Secretary may furnish a headstone or marker to be placed at the burial site even if the site is not a "cemetery."

**3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** NCS Memorial Programs Service (403), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, is responsible for the material contained in this directive.

**4. RELATED HANDBOOK:** Material contained in this directive will be incorporated into NCS Handbook 3310, Headstones and Markers, at a future date.

**5. RESCISSION:**

M40-3, Headstones and Markers, Chapter 2, Eligibility, Paragraph 2.01a, Persons Eligible for Headstone or Marker, dated December 1, 1982. Replacement language is contained in the attached directive.

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NCS Manual M40-3, Headstones and Markers, is changed as follows:

Chapter 2, Page 2-1, Paragraph 2.01:

Delete subparagraph a.

Insert new subparagraph a. as follows:

a. A headstone or marker may be furnished for placement at the unmarked grave of any eligible person who is buried in accordance with State or local law, even if the grave is not located in a cemetery.